

Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America,

To all and singular, to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas a certain Convention between the United States and the Choctaw Nation of Indians was concluded and signed at Fort Confederation on the Tombigby river on the Seventeenth day of October last past, which Convention is as follows:

A provisional Convention entered into and made by Brigadier General James Wilkinson of the State of Maryland, Commissioner for holding conferences with the Indians south of the Ohio river, in behalf of the United States on the one part and the whole Choctaw Nation, by their Chiefs, Head-men, and principal Warriors on the other part.

Preamble. For the mutual accommodation of the parties, and to perpetuate that Concord and Friendship, which so happily subsists between them, they do hereby fully, voluntarily, and without constraint covenant and agree.

Article 1st. That the President of the United States may, at his discretion, by a Commissioner or Commissioners, to be appointed by him, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States, retrace, connect, and plainly remark the old line of limits, established by, and between his Britannic Majesty and the said Choctaw Nation, which begins on the left bank of the Chickasawhay river and runs thence in an easterly direction, to the right bank of the Tombigby river, terminating on the same, at a bluff, well known by the name of Hacha, Tiggeby, but it is to be clearly understood, that two Commissioners, to be appointed by the said nation, from their own body, are to attend the Commissioner or Commissioners of the United States, who may be appointed to perform this service, for which purpose, the said Choctaw Nation shall be seasonably advised, by the President of the United States, of the particular period at which the operation may be commenced, and the said Choctaw Commissioners shall be subsisted by the United States, so long as they may be engaged on this Business, and paid for their services, during the said term at the rate of one dollar per day.

Article 2^d. The said line, when thus remarked, and re-established, shall form the boundary between the United States, and the said Choctaw Nation, in that quarter, and the said Choctaw Nation, for, and in consideration of, one dollar, to them in hand paid by the said United States, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby release to the said United States, and quitclaim forever, to all that tract of land which is included by the before named line on the north, by the Chickasawhay river on the west, by the Tombigby and the Mobile rivers on the east and by the Boundary of the United States on the South.

Article 3^d. The Chiefs, Head-men, and Warriors, of the said Choctaw Nation, do hereby constitute, authorize, and appoint, the Chiefs and Head-men of the upper towns of the said nation, to make such alteration in the old boundary line, near the mouth of the Yazoo river, as may be found convenient, and may be done without injury to the said Nation.

Article 4th. This convention shall take effect, and become obligatory on the contracting parties, as soon as the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall have ratified the same.

In testimony whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals, at fort Confederation on the Tombigby in the Choctaw Country, this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, and of the independence of the United States the twenty seventh.

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| In behalf of the | Tuskina, hoc, poia | his mark | [Red Seal] | In behalf of the | Latala, hien, ah | his mark |
| Lower Towns | Mingo Pocsh, keas | his mark | | Six Towns | Neck, la, hoc, soa, poi, th | his mark |
| Chickasawhay | Mingo Pocsh, keas | his mark | | Y | Mingo, hom, Atubley | his mark |
| | Pocsh, a, mattahaw | his mark | | | Lower Towns | Tusk, a, hien, ah |
| In behalf of the | Oak Chummy | his mark | | | | |
| Upper towns | Tuskce, mai, ably | his mark | | | | |
| Witnesses | Alas Linsmore Agent to the Choctaws | his mark | | | | |
| Present | John Pithlgun | his mark | | | | |
| | John P. Brashear | his mark | | | | |
| | Peter W. Housalis | his mark | | | | |
| | John Long | his mark | | | | |

Now be it known That I Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States of America having seen and considered the said Convention, do, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof, accept, ratify and confirm the same and every clause and article thereof.

In Testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed, and signed the same with my hand.

Done at the City of Washington, the Twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three; and of the Independence of the United States of America, the Twenty Seventh.

Thomas Jefferson

By the President,

James Madison Secretary of State.

^{1802.}
Convention
with the Choctaw

Jan^y 4th 1803

Read & to his

Jan^y 10th 1803

Read second time

Jan^y 11th 1803

3^d Read

Jan^y 12th 1803

Advised & consent

Exam^d

No 44

Rec^d

1802.

Provisional Convention
with the Choctaw Nation

Dated, O. T. 17. 1802

Ratified, Jan. 20. 1803

In Senate of the United States,
Jan. 12th 1803.

The Senate took into consideration the convention
between the Choctaw nation of Indians and the United
States, made the 17th day of October, 1802.

Whereupon,

"Resolved, two thirds of the Senators
present concurring therein, that the Senate do advise and
consent to the ratification of the Convention made under
the authority of the United States, between Brigadier-general
James Wilkinson, and the Choctaw nation, by their chiefs,
head-men and principal warriors," 17th Oct^r 1802.

Attest-

Sam: A. Otis Secretary.

Resolution of the Senate approv-
ing the ratification of the treaty
with the Choctaw Indians

12 Jan^y 1803